(c) the response, if any of the Soviet Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) (a) No, Sir. However, in response to an official request by our Mission in Moscow, the Soviet authorities have handed over a few documents and papers about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose to our Mission. The documents do not mention anything about Netaji having taken shelter in USSR after the Second World War.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pak support to terrorists in J&K and Punjab

832. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to Pak Premmer, Nawaj Sharif's recent statement that Pakistan would continue to support seccessionists in Jammu and Kashmir; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether the issue of Pakistan's support to terrorists in J. & K. and Punjab was discussed by the Prime Minister with his Pakistani counterpart at Male; if so, what was Pak Premier's response thereto;

(c) what was the gist of Mr. Sharif's phone call to the Prime Minister after his return from Male; and

(d) whether the Prime Minister has taken up Mr. Sharif's latest outbursts with him?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Government have seen statements of Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaj Sharif wherein he has reportedly said that Pakistan will continue to provide "moral, political and diplomatic support to Kashmiris." It has been pointed out to Pakistan that its continued support to terrorism directed against India in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir, was not only a violation of the Simla Agreement and of universally accepted norms of inter-State Conduct, but also adversely affected the relationship between the two countries.

(b) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister reiterated India's position regarding Pakistan's interference in our internal affairs. The government of Pakistan maintains that it does not support terrorism.

(c) and (d) Matters of mutual interest were discussed

Visit to Lucknow by an official of the U.S Embassy

833. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Mr. Walter Anderson, an official of the U.S Embassy, visited Lucknow in early December, 1990; if so, the names of the religious, and political leaders he met;

(b) what was the purpose of his visit and what he discussed with the people he met; and

(c) whether he held discussion and made an assessment about Ayodhya developments and its political impact?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA). (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) According to established diplomatic practice, and in keeping with

the norms of our open democratic society, diplomats accredited to India can legitimately travel in the country and meet people from all walks of life in the discharge of their duties.

Indian Community in Fiji

834. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) Whether Government are aware that Army in Fiji has drastically reduced the role of Indian Community in employment, education, business and trade as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 16th September, 1990;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto, and

(d) whether any talk/meeting has been held with the Fijian leaders for the purpose and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA). (a) and (b) Government of India is aware of the racially discriminatory policies of the military-backed illegal Interim Government in Fiji which has Significantly reduced the role of people of Indian origin in fields of employment, education, business and trade. This includes reservations in educational institutions, Civil Services and other employments in various sectors for ethnic Fijians, substantially reducing opportunities available to people of Indian origin. There is similar discrimination in economic matters, e.g. grant of bank loan etc. to businessmen of Indian origin.

(c) Government of India has categorically condemned the discrimination against people of Indian origin in Fiji in various matters Statements to this effect were made by Ministry of State for External Affairs in the Lok Sabha on 10th May, 1990 and by Minister of External Affairs in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 24th May, 1990. Our condemnation of the discriminatory policies in Fiji have also been repeatedly started by our Official Spokeman. The same has been raised in various international fora and in bilateral discussions with concerned countries.

(d) As the Government of India does not recognise the current illegal regime in Fiji, the matter has not been discussed with any of its leaders. However, discussions have taken placed with other Fijian leaders who are opposed to the discriminatory policies of the illegal regime.

Pak help to terrorists operating in Punjab and J&K

835. SHRI S. S AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is helping the terrorists operating in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action at the International level to force Pakistan to deviate from its policy to help terrorism in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) We continue to have evidence of Pakistani abetment, encouragement and support to terrorism and secessionism directed against India in the States of Punjab and Kashmir

(b) and (c) Government remain committed to the Simla Agreement under which all problems and differences with Pakistan are to be resolved bilaterally and peacefully We have also taken steps to make the international community aware of Pakistan's support to terrorism and sub-version.